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Bhagat, Sharon Segvich

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Art Unit

: 3738

Examiner

: Hieu Phan

Title

: HYBRID STENT FABRICATION USING METAL RINGS AND

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 23, 2003 for which a response is due November 23, 2003, please enter the following election.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute species 1, shown in figures 1-7 and covered by claims 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 22, 30-35. Applicant makes the election with traverse.

Under MPEP §803, it is stated that if the search and examination of an entire

application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the

merits, even though it includes claims to independent distinct species. The examiner here

will have to conduct the same or very similar search for each species because each of the

species discloses a stent having rings that are connected together with a link formed of a

polymer.

Further, independent claims 1, 17 and 30 are generic claims because they read on

each of the five species. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the

restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Applicant encourages the examiner to contact the undersigned should there be any

further questions in regard to this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge

deposit account no. 06-2425 for any inadvertently omitted filing fees that should arise in

connection with the filing of this paper.

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